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Family Readiness information is available for 911th members and their families by calling 1-800-235-7780 or (412) 474-8544.

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Time to get ready Med techs get to know "jaws"

By Tech Sgt. Larry Lehew
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Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series on family readiness

As a reservist, you've just been notified you're being deployed "someplace" for a time yet-to-be-determined in the near future.

What does this mean? It means you still have time to get things in order for yourself and your family before your deployment.

The often-mentioned things like a will, emergency data card, shots and insurance immediately come to mind. Then comes the part where you have to tell your civilian employer that you'll be gone and hope he or she still has a job for you when you get back.

Then you start to worry about finances. "The military doesn't pay as well as my civilian job. What am I going to do about my new car payment and that stack of bills that seems to pile up every month?"

Before you pull your hair out...there's help. The Department of Defense has a Guard and Reserve Readiness Programs Toolkit that's available as a printed product and also available on the Internet at www.defenselink.mil/ra/family/toolkit.

"It's a variety of resources," said Arthur Tambucci, 911th Airlift Wing Family Support (Readiness) director.

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Photo by SrA Mary Louise Spaziani

Moon Township volunteer firefighters demonstrate an operation that removes the roof of this car to expose the victim for medical treatment. The roof support posts at the windshield and the rear of the front door are cut and the roof is laid back out of the way. Fire fighters from left to right: Lt. Shandrick, Lt. Wilson, Chris Roland, and Jessica Roland.

By Master Sgt. Cathleen Snow
Flyover editor

As we have found out in recent tragedies man's inhumanity to man can cause building collapses to occur.

Medical technicians from the 911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron teamed up with Moon Township Volunteer Firefighters just before the Sept. 11 tragedies to accomplish emergency extraction training.

"The training is mostly directed at automobile rescue, but the tools can be directed at any rescue situation. They can be used on aircraft, building

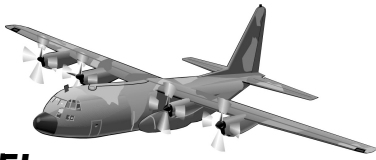
collapse, etc.," said Moon Township's Fire Chief, Charlie Belgie.

The volunteer firefighters are from four fire stations throughout Moon. There are 56 volunteer members in all.

According to Maj. Duane DeArmitt, 911th ASTS senior administrator, "A new requirement mandates all of our medical technicians to have an EMT certification."

In addition to required training the med techs got to know the jaws of life. Belgie said, "They are an extraction tool that can cut with a force that ranges from 30,000 to 100,000 lbs. It's measured on how much force is put on

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COMMENTARY



Commander's Corner Holiday Show

Getting on with business of U.S.

By Col. Baxter Lane
Wing Commander

The holiday season is just around the corner – a season that will take on an entirely new and more poignant meaning this year as we continue to deal with the aftermath of the Sept. 11th events.

Anthrax, Jihad, and the Taliban, are topics of continuous discussion in the media, at work, and at home. Since the terrorist attack, they have consumed the daily lives of each of us.

However, it is important for all of us to find ways to keep a balance and proper perspective on the changes under way in our country and lives. The President has encouraged all of us to go on with the business of America. Included in the President's message is celebrating the traditions of the holidays - Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

In keeping with the spirit of the President's request to go on with the business of America, the 911th AW will be hosting two holiday concerts at

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall. On Sunday, December 16th the Air Force Band of Flight from Wright-Patterson AFB will be here. Entitled "Home for the Holidays, this 45 piece orchestra will feature holiday and patriotic selections in their program.

On Friday, January 25, 2002, Tops In Blue will be coming to town. They put on an extraordinary variety style show, with song and dance numbers for the entire family. This is a high energy, patriotic program that you will thoroughly enjoy. I strongly encourage all of you to put both of these programs on your calendar and bring your friends and neighbors as well.

Finally, I want to thank you and your families for the exceptional effort you gave this past year. It was a year filled with many challenges and inconceivable events, which, in the end have redefined the role of the military for the next millennium. We are fully engaged and well positioned to continue to make significant contributions in the defense of our nation. Stand tall and serve America proudly.



TOPS IN BLUE

Coming January 2002!

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial
Hall

Friday January 25, 2002

The Air Force's premier entertainment showcase for the entire family bringing the best in music, dance and comedy!

— all performed by men and women in blue

Home for the Holidays

The 911 to host a holiday concert

By SrA Irene Spisak
Public affairs reporter

The 911th Airlift Wing will host "Home for the Holidays," a holiday concert Dec. 16 at 4:00 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Oakland.

Please join us for a night of musical holiday magic and patriotic selections as Major Alan Sierichs conducts the United States Air Force Band of Flight.

The Band of Flight is composed of 60 musicians that will take you away from all the hustling and bustling of holiday shopping, baking, and wrapping. The band was founded in 1942 and has performed for presidents and vice presidents, visiting heads of state, cabinet officers, members of congress, and others.

Bring the whole family and come make history with the 911th Airlift Wing as we bring on the holiday cheer and celebrate with Pittsburgh patriotism.

Be sure and mark your calendar for January 25 as the 911th hosts Tops in Blue. Tops In Blue is the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase for the entire family. It brings the best in music, dance and comedy — all performed by men and women in blue who perform 90 minutes of non-stop live entertainment.

The 911th salutes the Allegheny Historic Preservation Society, Inc. & Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall for their contributions.



Major Alan Sierichs

Get one

By Master Sgt. John Mooney
Senior recruiter

With the sluggish economy due to the recent events, the Air Force Reserve's "Get One" program is an ideal way for reservists to show their true colors.

Your recruiting staff is seeking both non-prior and prior service applicants to join the 911th family.

The "get one" program rewards members who refer potential applicants to the recruiters.

The program is simple. Go to the Air Force Reserve website www.afreserve.com/getone or fill out the response card available here.

The card includes space for a potential recruits information as well as the reservist's own information for recognition purposes.

Incentives, incentives, and more incentives!

Every member who sends in the name of a potential recruit under the "get one" program will receive a token of appreciation. Subsequently, if the referral enlists, there will be even more rewards and recognition.

For the reservist who is named top 'recruiter' in the wing, there will be a special awards and recognition from the wing commander. For further information please contact your recruiting staff at (412) 474-8555.

Complete this card by filling your referral's information
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FEATURE

It's fun to stay at the Y...M...C...A...

Story and photos by
Master Sgt. Cathleen Snow, Editor

The Y.M.C.A. first supported soldiers on the fields of battle during the Civil War, in every war - and between them.

Now the non-profit organization will be supporting our own citizen airman while they are on duty during unit training weekends at the 911th.

Located just a few miles from the 911th's gate, the Y will break ground this spring, to begin building the 6500-square-foot childcare center," according to the local Y's executive director Tim Decker.

"The active duty has had this for a long time so it's something I've been aware of," said Col. Baxter Lane, wing commander, whose initiative and imagination fueled this project three years ago when he arrived as the 911th commander.

It came about as a result of meetings between Pittsburgh's Y.M.C.A. president Julius Jones and the colonel. They both agreed it would be a good thing to do for the troops. "From there we starting doing the things that are going to result in this child care center opening up next fall.

Although there are lots of Y/military partnerships around the U.S., this will be the first collaboration with the Y and the military in Pennsylvania," said Mike Landers, Deputy National Director of the Armed Services Y.M.C.A. He believes the collaboration with the Y and the Air Force Reserve is the first of its kind in the nation.

In a previous report the Y.M.C.A. was going to renovate part of its facility as it stands, but determined that was not going to work because of the requirements of building codes with housing kids.

"The Y.M.C.A. decided to build a facility specifically dedicated to that project. That was a huge step forward. Robinson Township approved all of the variances to make the project happen. It's ready to go," said Lane.

Decker said, "Rick Santorum (Pennsylvania U.S. Senator) has been very supportive."

The Y.M.C.A. currently takes care of between 85-100 elementary school children from 3-6 p.m. 5 days a week as part of an after school program so the concept of childcare is not new to the Y. Currently the Y staff travels to four different schools and the programs are held there.

With the new childcare facility, infants through age 12 will be brought to the Y. "It will add a nice other dimension to our family programs here," said Decker.

He continued, "What will be really neat is, besides the normal learning components to childcare. In the summertime I see them walking around the property. We have 3.2 acres with all kind of neat outdoor things.

"In the wintertime they'll be able to go over to the fitness side for certain classes like the pre-school motor skills program we have - It's a tumbling program.

"They can go for a walk indoors in the wintertime as well as outdoors with the proper clothing.

"They can participate in different Y activities. Any child who wants to take tennis lesson or wants to play racquetball can be escorted over to the fitness side."

The Pittsburgh Y.M.C.A. Director of Childcare Operations, Susan Sofayov, said, "One of the most important things is the entire design of the facility.

"This building is totally designed for children, complete with a baby gym. The heating system will even accommodate children with a heated floor for the little crawlers.

"The color schemes and lighting in the interior are based on what we know about brain development research and how the environment affects that. There are going to be a lot of windows. With an abundance of natural lighting, it will have a really good emotional im-

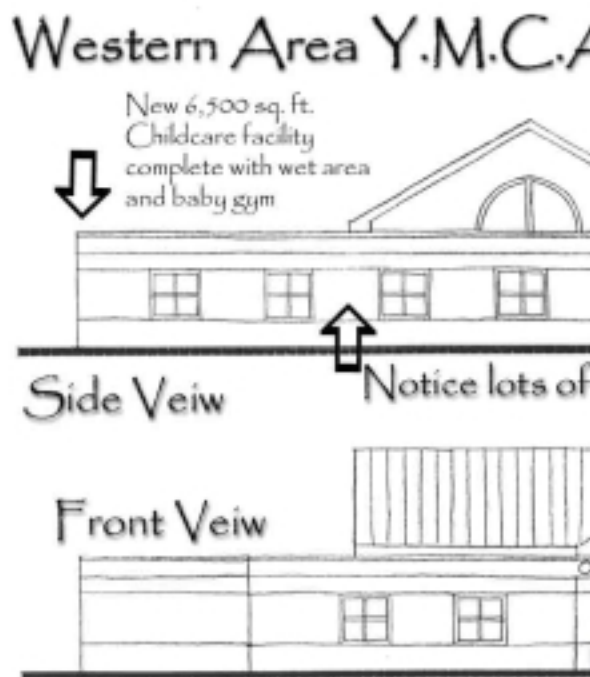
pact on these kids."

Sofayov went on to say that they will hire a childcare director who's highly qualified. They must have earned at least a bachelor's of art in the field of education, preferably a master's degree. The group supervisors will also have a B.A., possibly some will have an associate's degree with related years of experience. All of them

will go through training and child care certification and have a certain amount of education.

Parents will be able to use the new facility for their child's childhood baby-sitting and to learn things.

You can see that it's extremely important, more, depending on the situation, be deferred.



rough the normal background check, i.e. criminal abuse. She added, "Under law our staff has to certain amount of yearly hours of continuing

s can rest assured because Sofayov also said the ty will have a strong literacy curriculum. "Early in our centers is not what people think of as ng. They'll not only have a good day but they'll gs. It's going to planned programs," she said. n get all of this for rates, "that are going to be competitive with local childcare facilities. Further- depending on an individual's income, these costs can ed with grants through the Department of Welfare

and the Y," said Sofayov.

911th reservist Tech. Sgt. Lisa Schwab, medical technician, has a 15-month-old son and said she has already started him in childcare. "We are definitely interested we're just disappointed it's not open yet," she said. At times her husband gets called into work while she's on Reserve duty and, "If I got deployed my husband could use it on the weekends to get stuff done. It's a lot more economical than what we are paying now."

According to Lane, the cost will be

even less to reservists. "We've got a team that we are putting together to work through all of the issues so that when the facility opens in September 2002 we'll be able to take advantage of it right out of the box."

"The team will set guidelines developed by the DOD on how we can subsidize the cost, but the idea is for the Wing to subsidize the cost for it's members. Your total income including your reserve and civilian pay will help determine the rates."

According to Decker, in addition to the neighboring military bases, parents throughout the area will benefit. "What I see as a myriad of different companies using it, community people, neighbors, and on the weekend the greatest thing is that it will be used by the military."

"We've done a lot of cooperative programs with the military. We've used their gym and ball field. The military came down and helped us with the drainage problem we had, they brought their equipment down."

"The other nice thing," said Decker, "is that when it (Y) closes at 6 o'clock it becomes a multi-learning center in the evening. I see classes like Tai Chi, Yoga...any low impact classes. Maybe some educational type classes like CPR. I see groups holding meetings there."

The 911th spearheaded this program and is partnering with the 99th Regional Support Command, Army Reserve; and 171st Air Refueling Wing, Pa. Air National Guard and soon the 911th team will be going out into the community and approaching the neighboring military units.

It will be available to DOD civilians as well as full time Air Reserve Technicians and traditional reservists. It's available when you are on an RMP or a man-day.

"The bottom line," said Lane, "is to provide the service to all of our folks but help identify priorities so that people who need it most can take the most advantage of it."

"We will work with the Y and I'm sure we'll have a great partnership."



Front Entrance



Front Entrance

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windows for natural lighting



Y Join the Y?

In their 1978 hit, the Village People said, "It's fun to stay at the Y...M...C...A... Considered one of the most requested songs of today, there must be some truth in it."

Together, the nation's more than 2,400 Y.M.C.A.s are the largest not-for-profit community service organizations in America. Ys are for people of all faiths, races, abilities, ages and incomes. No one is turned away for inability to pay.

Tim Decker, executive director of the Western area Y.M.C.A. in Robinson Township said his Y is 4,600 members strong. It's been recently renovated and new equipment and services have been added. He encourages military members to join the Y for a mere \$25 a year. "I consider that very fair compared to everything else."

NEWS



Photo by SRA Mary Louise Spaziani

Senior Airman David King, medical technician, 911th ASTS, gets training on the hydraulic cutters otherwise known as the 'jaws of life,' to cut the roof support post of this car prior to pooling back the roof to rescue an accident victim.

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he cutter blade when it's in the cutting position. During the training about 38,000 lbs of force was used.

"Throughout the day, we also gave them indoctrination into some of our other equipment here so they were associated with it, i.e. spreaders, cutters, hydraulic rams, door wedges, along with electric, gasoline, and hand pumps to power the units. They are covered all of the way."

Routinely, Allegheny County fire fighters offer on site protection here and Moon is their first back up, "but there's no financial arrangement...if they need help we go there, if we need help, they come here," said Belgie.

Gary Lewis, 911th fire inspector, coordinates responses and pre-fire plans with the county. Among base fire safety inspections, he makes sure

everyone accomplishes their annual fire extinguisher training. "I help keep the base as safe as possible," he said. For questions about 911 fire safety call (412) 474-8731.

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FIRE CHIEF CHARLIE BELGIE
MOON TOWNSHIP

The ASTS project coordinators were Chief Master Jim Morgan, ASTS superintendent of nursing services and Senior Master Sgt. Charles Ward, NCOIC of medical services. "The training was very valuable and we appreciate what the Moon volunteer firefighters did for us. They spent their time and money. We are going to start doing this with the Moon fire fighters on a yearly basis."

The Fire Chief said, "The group was very attentive and eager to observe and learn the workings of the various tools associated with the rescue efforts. Our people enjoyed sharing this information with them.

READY, CONTINUED FROM PG. 1

"There are tools commanders, service members, their families, and support groups can use to prepare people and units for deployment."

One specific tool is a workbook-type section on family management planning. The workbook asks a series of questions and gives service members a series of options. It also gives helpful hints like making sure all your important financial documents – mortgages, bank accounts, savings bonds – are in safe fireproof locations and that they are accessible to another family member or friend.

A legal affairs tool explains the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act and how a service member can protect his or her family from any harm possibly caused by a deployment. It also explains that as valuable as the Act is, it means nothing unless the service member takes the necessary steps for protection.

If a deployment will mean a significant decrease in income and paying the bills a problem, planning should include notifying creditors, landlords, and mortgage companies. Notifying them, in advance and in writing, of the deployment, a service member can seek protection under the Act.

A few forms of protection that affect almost everyone include taxes, interest rates and housing – both renting and owning.

Taxes — As far as state and federal income taxes go, everyone still has to pay, but if a service members is unable to pay because of military service, he or she may ask for a six-month deferment.

Interest rates — If high interest rates affect making payments, they may be lowered. If prior to entering service, a member incurs a loan or obligation with an interest rate higher than 6 percent, the member will, upon application to the lender, not be obligated to pay interest in excess of 6 percent per year during any part of the period of military service. This only applies if the ability to pay has been "materially affected."

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH...

Services personnel pay the 'ultimate respect'

Nearly 200 Air Force Reserve Command port mortuary reservists performed the grim task of identifying and processing remains in the wake of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon, September 11.

Among those were 14 reservists from the 911th Services Squadron.

The reservists reported to the U.S. military's port mortuary at Dover AFB, Del., and served for 15 days, said 1st Lt. Libby Itanen, a reserve port mortuary officer.

The Commander of the 911th Services Squadron, Maj. Nester Werkstein, was among one of the volunteers. "We arrived there and began working on Sept. 15th.... We treat those who lost their lives for the country with the ultimate respect. They made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. With the highest respect and honor while we are doing our work at the port mortuary," said Werkstein.

All of the reservists were volunteers

and most of the volunteers were eager to help in the aftermath of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks, Chief Master Sgt. Von Putman, chief of the readiness division for the AFRC services directorate. "It's an important job; it helps the families of these people gain closure."

Werkstein said, "All my team members felt that that was the only place they wanted to be at that time. They were doing a job for their country. There was a lot of pride and they were serving their country and giving something back to it."

"We received a lot of community support. Support from USO and chaplains was excellent and critical team counselors working with us providing support."

Most of the port mortuary reservists returned Sept. 27, where they adjusted back to their normal routine.

Werkstein said, "The remaining four of us stayed another 6 days to work

there. We were trained to do this and this is something that we will do again. We hope it's never necessary to do this type of work again, but if called upon we will volunteer to go back and do this service for our country."

The last four reservists returned Oct. 3 after helping identify the victims for over two weeks.

The team is one of 10 port mortuary units from all over the United States. The Reserve has 266 reservists assigned to these units and another 48 individual mobilization augmentees. Together, they provide 84 percent of the Air Force's port mortuary capability.

Reserve port mortuary specialists have responded to other terrorist attacks, including the USS Cole bombing in October 2000 and the U.S. embassy bombing in Nairobi, Kenya, in August 1998, as well as aircraft accidents involving American service members. (AFRC News Service & PA)

Stop-Loss keeps reservists from changing status

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Air Force Reserve Command implemented a freeze Oct. 2 to keep people in the Ready Reserve for a minimum of 30 days.

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At the end of the "freeze" period, AFRC officials will re-evaluate the Stop-Loss and may extend it. The AFRC Stop-Loss temporarily blocks changes in status that would allow reservists to leave units or programs at risk for call-up.

The Stop-Loss affects the following:

- Expiration term of service;
- Reassignment to a lower category of availability;
- Assignment to the Retired Reserve, awaiting pay at age 60;
- All voluntary separations before expiration term of service;

and — Officer resignations.

Stop-Loss may also affect the civilian portion of an air reserve technician's position. Employees whose only civilian retirement eligibility is the result of an involuntary separation from the Reserve will not be eligible to retire. If eligible, ARTs may retire under a civilian optional retirement but usually must stay in the Reserve military portion (Part B) of their ART position. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)



Commissaries ready to support Guard, Reserve families

FORT LEE, Va. — National Guard and reserve members called to active duty will get unlimited usage of their commissary privileges.

"Normally Guard and Reserve members can shop the commissary 24 days per year as part of their benefits, but when called to active duty their commissary privileges are unlimited."

The commissary is ranked as one of the top non-pay benefits in the military. An average savings of 30 percent on the total grocery basket means a family of four can save \$2,300 or more per year by shopping regularly at their commissary.

"Guard/Reserve, and their authorized dependents, activated for under 30 days must show a valid ID and a copy of the active duty orders. www.commissaries.com has a special information page located specifically at http://www.commissaries.com/guard_reserve.htm.

Spotlight



SrA Doug Prozzoly

Organization: Mission support flight

Job: Career enhancement assistant

Job scope: Participation, enlisted evaluations, and enlistments/ re-enlistments/and extensions

Most rewarding job aspect: Watching servicemen and women re-enlist and then walk out of our office with a smile

Most demanding job aspect: Keeping everyone happy; paying close attention to all of the fine details, crossing the Ts and dotting the Is.

Hometown: Pittsburgh

Hobbies: Traveling and more importantly being with my two beautiful girls

Favorite movie: Any movie with Jack Nicholson in it, especially One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Favorite band/music: No one band in particular/classic rock-folk

Favorite food: I'm not usually too picky

Who'd play you in a movie: Jack Nicholson

If I wasn't working right now, I'd be... hanging out in New York City!

UTA Schedule

Nov. 3-4	Dec. 1- 2
Jan. 5-6	Feb 2-3
March 2-3	April 6-7
November payday is the 14th	

Become highly successful by Thanksgiving

The Wing has scheduled a special "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" course over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, Nov. 23-26. We hope we can accommodate the schedules for Wing members who normally cannot attend.


The 4 day course, designed by Dr. Stephen Covey, teaches you how to develop habits of effective personal and interpersonal leadership. It provides a set of timeless and universally valid principles to help you learn powerful lessons in personal change and achieve long-term growth. Contact Denny Weber, Performance Planning Chief at (412) 474-8205 for instructions on signing up for this valuable course. *Spouses, bosses, and members of other military organizations are all invited to attend. (CCX)*

CCAF Graduate

SrA Stephen Pituch has recently earned an associates degree in Avionic Systems Technology from the Community College of the Air Force.

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